Tools and Tips for Video Production

As you begin to work on your project, think carefully about what type of presentation would be the best vehicle for your ideas – the best presentations strike a mood that conveys the message of the presentation through the look, sound, speed, and overall feel of the presentation.

But as cool as your presentation may turn out, the most important aspect is depth of thought. You have to start with a well-conceived and deeply-considered interpretation of the literature of this time as well as the message the writers convey about the time. Start with a rich idea, and then decide what kind of presentation will best convey the idea.

The following are a list of online video and presentation tools – the best part of these services is that multiple people can work on the project since it is saved in “the cloud.” You will have to create an account and pay attention to the legalese. All of these have a free option which allows you to work on a small project (of a certain size or duration), and then post it to the web. Be sure to read the information so you can understand the account options.

[www.VoiceThread.com](http://www.VoiceThread.com) We Modeled this together in class.

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| [http://www.wevideo.com/static/movieeditor/gfx/logo.png](http://www.wevideo.com/)www.wevideo.com | This service is a full-featured video editor, giving you full creative control of your edits. Upload images, sound, and videos to the library. You can organize your video projects and share with a collaboration group.  FOR THE FREE PLAN, YOU MUST EXPORT YOUR VIDEO TO YOUTUBE, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO USE A FLASH VIDEO CONVERTER (SUCH AS ZAMZAR.COM) TO CONVERT THE VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE AND DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO AS A MPEG. |
| [Animoto - Homepage](http://animoto.com/)  www.animoto.com | This service automatically produces unique video pieces from your photos, video clips and music. “Fast, free and shockingly easy - with Animoto Lite you can create unlimited 30 second videos.”  FOR THE FREE PLAN, YOU MUST EXPORT YOUR VIDEO TO YOUTUBE, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO USE A FLASH VIDEO CONVERTER (SUCH AS ZAMZAR.COM) TO CONVERT THE VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE AND DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO AS A MPEG. |
| http://www.edutecher.net/link_images/vuvox.jpgwww.vuvox.com | This service has three options – Express, Collage and Studio. Choose the Collage option to create a panoramic sliding presentation that lets you import photos, video, music, and text. Choose the Studio option to create a customized media presentation  IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE, USE A FLASH VIDEO CONVERTER (SUCH AS ZAMZAR.COM) TO CONVERT AND DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO AS A MPEG AND THEN UPLOAD IT TO VUVOX AS THE SCHOOL’S FIREWALL WILL STILL BLOCK YOUR VIDEOS IF YOU LINK TO THEM. |
| http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-lxaZoAAyTZc/TxH0lUvWYWI/AAAAAAAABAg/Ji2smucG9gM/s1600/prezi.108120056_std.jpg www.prezi.com | This service allows you to create a presentation that is like a “cinematic journey” in which you pan and zoom from informational frame to frame. You can import images, videos, PDFs, or other media, and you can collaborate with your group members online.  IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE, USE A FLASH VIDEO CONVERTER (SUCH AS ZAMZAR.COM) TO CONVERT AND DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO AS A MPEG AND THEN UPLOAD IT TO VUVOX AS THE SCHOOL’S FIREWALL WILL STILL BLOCK YOUR VIDEOS IF YOU LINK TO THEM. |
| http://web20toolkit.wikispaces.com/file/view/museumbox.JPG/257135966/309x56/museumbox.JPG www.museumbox.e2bn.org/ | This service lets you construct a description of an event, person or historical period by placing items in a virtual box. You can display anything from a text file to a movie. |
| www.formatpixel.com | This online application allows you to create 'page' based presentations; anything from magazines to fanzines, brochures to catalogues and even portfolios. Using the editor you can insert, design and layout pages for your projects. Add text objects, upload and attach your own images and create shapes. You will have to create an account but the service is free for your first project. |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b1/Glogster_EDU_Logo.png edu.glogster.com | This drag and drop interface allows you to build a poster-like web page containing multimedia elements including: text, audio, video, images, graphics, drawings, and data.  TO USE THIS TOOL, CLICK ON THE SIGN UP BUTTON IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE “SINGLE FREE” OPTION (UNDER THE FOUR PAID OPTIONS), AND THEN SELECT THE STUDENT TAB. USE TEACHER CODE 5H6CH4 TO SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT WITH MY GLOG (NICKNAME BOWENPOPE) |
| www.toondoo.com | This online application is a cool, comic-creating tool. The site is gives a new way of expression for those who do not have the talent to draw. You can now just drag-drop or click to create comic strips that express your views, opinions, angst or to just have fun. |